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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 2101

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC (CANNATA, SAMUEL R. J.)
SUBJ: W/W - ARRESTS: SAMUEL R. J. CANNATA

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 2097, B. STATE 077789

1. BAPTIST MISSION BOARD INFORMATION ACCURATE, AS FAR AS IT GOES, HOWEVER, IT INCOMPLETE. ALTHOUGH CANNAT RIFLES LEGALLY REGISTERED (REFTEL A), LARGE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION AND AMMUNITION RELOADER COULD BE CONSTRUED AS ILLEGAL ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN LAW. CANNAT AWARE OF THIS AND THEREFORE HAS PROCEEDED CAUTIOUSLY IN CASE, COOPERATING FULLY. EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED FROM LOCAL BAPTIST MISSION DIRECTOR ED MASON THAT ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES COMPLETED INVESTIGATION OF PRELIMINARY CHARGES AND HAVE GIVEN REPORT TO THEIR SUPERIORS. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN LODGED AGAINST CANNAT YET AND EMBASSY, MASON, AND CANNATA FAMILY CONTINUE TO HAVE FULL AND EASY ACCESS TO HIM.

2. BECAUSE OF INCONCLUSIVE STAGE INVESTIGATION HAS REACHED, POSSIBILITY CANNATA COULD BE RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGES PRESSED, AND ADVERSE EFFECT NEGATIVE PUBLICITY COULD HAVE ON CASE, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS EFFORT BE MADE TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC AT THIS TIME AND, IF NECESSARY, INFORM CONGRESS ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS OF STATUS OF CASE.

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3. MASON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF EMBASSY CONCERNS AND WILL BE TELEPHONING SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD APRIL 8 AT 18:00 GMT IN EFFORT TO IMPRESS UPON THEM NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY ON CANNATA CASE AT THIS TIME.
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